

acting to improve the quality of life for the residents of Vienna, Maud has been a constant presence at Fairfax County Board of Supervisor meetings, revitalization meetings and everywhere else where her dedication to her community would have a positive impact on fellow Vienna residents.

After serving on the Vienna Town Council for the last nine years, Maud has decided to not seek reelection and enjoy some well-deserved leisure time. The community will be eternally grateful for her many contributions, and her strength and determination will be missed.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Maud Robinson on the occasion of her retirement and in thanking her for her years of service to the community and our country.

30TH ANNIVERSARY OF KOINONIA WORSHIP CENTER

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the 30th anniversary of Koinonia Worship Center in Pembroke Park, Florida. Since its inception, the Church has stood in the community as a symbol of perseverance and inspiration. This anniversary of Koinonia Worship Center marks a time of remembrance of a storied past and renewal for a bright future.

In January 1980, three families—the Jones', the Albury's and the Harvey's, of Carol City, Florida decided that they needed a closer walk with God and a deeper commitment to Jesus Christ. They began to meet on Monday nights for a Spirit filled Bible study at the home of Eric H. Jones, Jr. As the months passed, the study group increased in number and eventually outgrew the pastor's home. Under the leadership of Pastor Jones a ministry was established. A meeting was held with a Bible study group of West Hollywood, Florida, headed by Brother Irving Seymour and another Christian body from Hallandale, Florida. On June 1, 1982, Pastor Jones was asked to be the pastor and Irving Seymour was asked to be the evangelist.

The name Koinonia was suggested by Evangelist Irving Seymour. It was presented to the group and accepted. The membership also decided that the church would be a non-denominational worship center, and would be supported by tithes and offerings. The first services were held on June 13, 1982, at the Ramada Inn in Hallandale, Florida. On June 16, 1982, the business meeting was held at the home of Deacon Albury in Miami, Florida. The decisions on the Articles of Faith, the Church's constitution, bylaws, covenant and officers were made at the meeting.

The church's officers were: Pastor, Eric H. Jones, Jr.; Chairman of Deacons, Arnold Albury; Secretary, Elois Seymour; Clerk, Beverly Parks; Sunday School Superintendent, Irving Seymour; Minister of Education, Rosita Albury; Assistant Minister of Education, Bloneva Jones; Treasurer, Sonja Harvey; and Usher, Tyrone Pitts.

Koinonia began with 18 charter members, has moved from various locations, has grown

to a membership of over 6,000, operates seven days a week, and has 27 ministries. Some of the ministries include: Prison, More Than Conquerors, Christian Men of Destiny, Women of Vision, Reaching Hands, and Economic Empowerment. Koinonia is known for reaching out to the oppressed, developing programs for the socially and economically out-cast and presents a unique and clear methodology for salvation.

Madam Speaker, please join me in applauding and honoring Koinonia Worship Center as it celebrates 30 years of dedicated fellowship. Throughout the past 30 years, the clergy and members have dedicated themselves to providing spirituality, service and guidance to the Church and greater community of South Florida. Koinonia is a model for our community and our Nation. Koinonia has never wavered from the ministry of saving lost souls, preaching the gospel, feeding the hungry, helping the homeless, and reaching out and renewing the spirit of neighbors in need. It is my hope Koinonia continues to stand as a beacon of resolve, inspiration and worship for many years to come.

RECOGNIZING CONTRIBUTIONS OF FATHERS

SPEECH OF

HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 15, 2009

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of House Resolution 428. This statement is of great importance because it recognizes the true commitment of fatherhood. House Resolution 428 commends the millions of fathers who embrace their parental responsibilities by providing love and support to their children. Raising children is by no means an easy task, but those who have dedicated their lives to provide for their offspring play a vital role in their development. Fathers are teachers and protectors who impart life lessons in preparation for the future. This is a very important, timely bill, and I commend Representative MIKE MCINTYRE for bringing this resolution before the House.

House Resolution 428 recognizes the impact fathers have on their children. We must encourage responsible fatherhood because it can reduce the amount of impoverished children, many with one parent who are unable to afford the resources necessary to raise a family. Children who are fortunate enough to have an involved father have a greater chance of excelling in school and have less of a chance of exhibiting behavioral problems. The influence of a father promotes healthy development of a child in every aspect. Children are so easily influenced and proper guidance utilizing both parents can spur growth and future accomplishments.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to add my voice and support in recognition of our nation's fathers. We must use this opportunity to praise accountable fathers because they provide strength to their families and communities. I will work diligently with my colleagues to acknowledge their commitment and continue to encourage men who are not as engaged in the lives of their children to start fresh on Father's Day to become positive and strong influences in their child's development.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE,
AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2847) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes:

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Chair, at its core, the Commerce-Justice-Science bill is designed to keep our economy strong, our people safe, and our research and development efforts thriving. This legislation accomplishes all of three of these objectives—and it does so in a fiscally responsible manner by scrutinizing each of the bill's existing programs, eliminating eleven of them and trimming thirteen others.

In particular, I am pleased that science, technology and innovation receive \$30.6 billion under this legislation, an increase of \$1 billion over last year. Of that amount, \$6.9 billion will go to the National Science Foundation (NSF) to support promising scientific research at America's universities. \$781 million will go to the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), including \$125 million for Manufacturing Extension Partnerships to help small and mid-size companies compete overseas and \$70 million for the Technology Innovation Program to fund high-risk, high-reward research in areas of critical national need. \$18.2 billion will go to National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) for its groundbreaking research into space and aeronautics. And \$4.6 billion will go to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) for its indispensable analysis on climate and weather. Importantly, the bill also provides \$1.08 billion for science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education to properly train America's future workforce.

To keep our communities safe, this legislation also invests \$3.4 billion in state and local law enforcement—including \$802 million for the COPS program to hire more than 7000 police officers, \$385 million for juvenile justice programs that support our nation's youth, and \$400 million to prevent violence against women.

Mr. Chair, I commend Chairman MOLLOHAN, Ranking Member WOLF and the rest of the subcommittee for its work on this legislation and urge my colleagues' support.

IN HONOR OF THE LAKE CITIES
FIRE DEPARTMENT'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the Lake Cities Fire Department for 50 years of volunteer service to the cities of Corinth, Lake Dallas, Hickory Creek, and Shady Shores.

The Lake Cities Volunteer Fire Department started in 1959 with several concerned citizens getting together a volunteer service to provide safety and fire protection for their cities.

Over the past 50 years the department has undergone numerous changes, culminating in the city of Corinth taking control of the department in 2008 and contracting with the other cities for service. Today the department staffs trained first responders, 2 fire engines and 2 ambulances. Each day the department strives to deliver the highest level of professional service to its residents.

It is with great honor that I recognize the 50th anniversary of the Lake Cities Fire Department. The service and dedication of both the volunteer and paid firemen have kept these cities safe for 50 years. I am proud to represent the department and the brave men and women who serve there.

REMEMBERING SANDRA OTAKA,
THE FIRST ASIAN-AMERICAN
ELECTED COOK COUNTY JUDGE

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with deep sadness that I rise today to recognize the extraordinary life and contributions of Judge Sandra Otaka, a constituent of mine and a dear friend, who died on June 6. Judge Otaka is remembered not just for her brilliant legal career but for a life committed to fighting for equality and justice for all. She died too soon and she will be greatly missed.

Judge Otaka was appointed to the bench of the Illinois Supreme Court in 2000. In 2002, she was elected as the first Asian-American to be Cook County Judge, serving in the children protection court. While that accomplishment was extraordinary, it was just one of many exemplary moments in her career.

Born the daughter and granddaughter of Japanese Americans who were imprisoned in U.S. internment camps during World War II, Sandra Otaka dedicated her life to fighting for justice. As a child, she campaigned against the Vietnam War. During college, she worked at a law firm that successfully overturned the conviction of Fred Korematsu, a Japanese-American imprisoned in 1944 for failing to report to an internment camp. Throughout her adult life, she worked tirelessly to represent those who too often had no voice.

Judge Otaka was an inspiration not only to Asian-Americans in Chicago, but to legions of others, including me. I loved and respected her deeply not only for her brilliant mind, but for her tremendous heart. The outpouring of sorrow and the sense of loss are a testament to Sandra's gift for befriending people and touching their lives in ways big and small. While all of us who were Sandra's friends will miss her terribly, we can find some comfort in our memories of that beautiful, vibrant and vital woman whom we were so fortunate to have in our lives, albeit for too brief a time.

My heart goes out today to her beloved son Jeffrey. Jeffrey was the center of Sandra's life and she was absolutely devoted to him. She talked about him and his accomplishments often, and Sandra always had a photo ready

to share. I also extend my condolences to her sister Susan, and all of Sandra's family and friends whom she loved dearly and who loved her in return. Judge Otaka made our community and our nation a better place. I and so many people in Chicago are indeed fortunate to have had her in our lives.

IN HONOR OF THE 2009 LITERACY
COUNCIL OF NORTHERN VIR-
GINIA AWARD RECIPIENTS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the recipients of the 2009 Literacy Council of Northern Virginia Awards.

Founded in 1962, The Literacy Council of Northern Virginia is a non-profit educational organization that recruits and trains volunteers to teach adults who need help reading, writing, speaking and understanding the English language.

The Literacy Council provides a wide range of programs including programs for English speaking adults who need help with reading and writing, ESOL programs for those in our community for whom English is not their native language and Family Learning Programs to teach English proficiency to parents and their children who are between the ages of two and 12.

Each year, The Literacy Council of Northern Virginia recognizes a few of its outstanding adult learners, volunteers and/or community partners. This year, a special award will be given to student essay contest winners, the theme of which was "Hope for the Future". It is my great honor to recognize the following recipients of the 2009 Literacy Council of Northern Virginia Awards:

Recipients of the Community Partners Awards are: Alexandria Community Trust, The Wish You Well Foundation, and the Richard Byrd Library (Fairfax County).

Recipients of the Volunteer of the Year Awards are: Kay Habeger, Michael Wolff and Monica Simone.

Recipients of the Student Essay Contest Awards are: Jieun Jang, Albert Costanzo, Wei Yang Tsai, Gloria Cruz, Hala Elnoby, and Deepa Kulkarni.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the contributions of The Literacy Council of Northern Virginia and congratulating each of the 2009 Award recipients. Their dedication, hard work and commitment improves the quality of life for the students as well as the community by providing the program participants with the life skills that are necessary to become an active and productive member of society.

RECOGNIZING THE MAYOR J.
ROBERT HUNSICKER

HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor J. Rob-

ert Hunsicker. He has served the town of Perkasio, Pennsylvania as Mayor for the past decade.

A lifelong resident of Perkasio, Mayor Hunsicker has been active in his community for years. He grew up working for his father's butter and egg business in town, and graduated from Sell-Perk High school in 1945. He served as a Justice of the Peace from 1955 to 1969, and then as a district justice from 1970 until his retirement to a senior judge position in 1993. In this role, the Mayor had the opportunity to serve on most courts in Bucks County.

Described by colleagues as Perkasio's biggest fan and loudest cheerleader, the Mayor has been a champion for the many programs that represent his hometown. This includes the Perkasio Park System, where free arts and cultural events are held weekly during the summer months. One of Mayor Hunsicker's dreams has been the construction of a new band shell in which to house these community events. During his time in office, the Mayor has also partnered with the neighboring town of Sellersville to oversee the successful merging of the towns' two police departments.

Mayor Hunsicker will retire later this month in order to enjoy some well-deserved time with his six children and six grandchildren, and will of course remain involved in the Perkasio community. Madam Speaker, I ask that you join me in recognizing Mayor J. Robert Hunsicker for his admirable lifelong service. I am honored to serve as his Congressman. Congratulations on the dedication of their headquarters today.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ZACH WAMP

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 18, 2009

Mr. WAMP. Madam Speaker, as a leader on earmark reform, I am committed to protecting taxpayers' money and providing greater transparency and a fully accountable process. H.R. 2847, The Fiscal Year 2010 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act contains the following funding that I requested:

Requesting Member: Rep. ZACH WAMP
Account: COPS-Methamphetamine Enforcement and Clean-up Grants

Legal Name Requesting Entity: Tennessee Bureau of Investigation-Tennessee Methamphetamine Task Force

Address: 901 R.S. Gass Blvd.—Nashville, TN 37216-2369, c/o 1110 Market Street, Suite 332, Chattanooga, TN 37402

Description of Request: The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and the Tennessee Methamphetamine Task Force requested funding to train and equip local law enforcement officers throughout the State of Tennessee in a cooperative effort to combat the manufacture, distribution and use of methamphetamine, both domestic and foreign, in Tennessee. Twenty-four hour response will be provided to state and local law enforcement agencies fighting the epidemic. The Tennessee Bureau of Investigations and the Tennessee Meth Task Force received \$2 million to supplement the lack of funding for preventing illegal methamphetamine use.